

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) A method for the real-time trading of options contracts, by a trader, over a network, comprising:

choosing a trading strategy, by the trader, comprising a multi-leg contract;

analyzing the trade strategy to determine a plurality of legs of the multi-leg contract;

populating each leg of the multi-leg contract with information based on the trading strategy;

requesting additional information to further populate each leg of the multi-leg contract; and

completing the population of each leg of the multi-leg contract based on the additional information supplied by the trader, wherein the completed multi-leg contract is an order for a trade.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

submitting the order to a server;

comparing the order to one or more other orders on the server; and

notifying the trader when the order matches one or more of the other orders.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

prior to the requesting step; hedging one or more legs of the multi-leg contract, wherein the one or more legs are hedged legs;

populating each hedged leg of the multi-leg contract with information based on the trading strategy;

further populating each leg of the multi-leg contract based on the additional information supplied by the trader wherein the specific information is omitted;

broadcasting, over the network to a plurality of traders, the request for a quote; and
broadcasting, from one or more of the plurality of traders, the specific information.

44. (Currently Amended) ~~A method for the real time trading of options contracts, by a trader, over a network,~~ The method of claim 35, further comprising the steps of:

providing a first hedged contract comprising:

a first quantity of options to trade; and

a first delta wherein the first delta is a percentage of the first quantity;

providing a second hedged contract comprising:

a second quantity of options to trade; and

a second delta wherein the second delta is a percentage of the second quantity; and

matching the first hedged contract with the second hedged contract when the first delta equals the second delta.

45. (Cancelled)

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently Amended) ~~A method for the real time trading of options contracts,~~ The method of claim 35, further comprising the steps of:

